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SUBJ: AIFLD- AUDS INTERN PROGRAM

REF: A. AIDTO A 1336, 9-22-72 B. GUATEMALA 5592, 12-14-72

1. SUBSEQUENT TO REFTEL B, MISSION HAS CONDUCTED THOROUGH REEVALUATION OF AUDS INTERN PROGRAM IN GUATEMALA. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT IT WILL NOT BE IN OUR INTEREST NOR SERVE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAM TO CONTINUE IT FOR COMING YEAR.

2. THIS DECISION BASED PRIMARILY ON POLITICAL GROUNDS. AS YEAR OF POLITICAL ACTIVITY DEVELOPS IN INTENSITY LEADING UP TO MARCH 1974 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, AUDS INTERNS WILL BE ON FRONT LINES OF THIS ACTIVITY, PRESSED INTO SERVICE FOR POLITICAL ENDS OF THEIR PARENT ORGANIZATION. ALL FOUR INTERNS PRESENTLY ALLOCATED FOR GUATEMALA ARE SERVING IN CTF ORGANIZATION. WE HAVE NOW BEEN PRESSURED BY MINISTRY OF LABOR TO SHIFT AT LEAST ONE TO GOG- ORIENTED CONSEJO SINDICAL. IN CONSEJO, INTERN WOULD HAVE LITTLE TO DO BUT POLITICAL WORK IN RURAL AREA SINCE CONSDJO'S CAMPESINO SECTOR HAS PRACTICALLY EVAPORATED IN PAST YEAR.

3. WE HAVE DISCUSSED TERMINATION OF AUDS INTERN PROGRAM WITH CPD WARREN AND HE IN FULL AGREEMENT.

4. WE EXPECT THAT AFTER APRIL 1, WHEN FUNDING MAY BE RESTORED FOR AUDS INTERNS, THAT NONE WILL BE ALLOCATED FOR GUATEMALA PROGRAM. WE INTEND INFORMING LABOR MINISTER AND CTF THAT FUNDING IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO SUPPORT GUATEMALA PROGRAM.

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